SENATE BILL 225

By Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to student discipline.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402(i), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) An LEA that has established a virtual school pursuant to chapter 16, part 2 of this title may enter into an agreement with an LEA that has not established a virtual school pursuant to chapter 16, part 2 of this title for the LEA's virtual school to provide remote instruction to students enrolled in either LEA who have been suspended or expelled from the regular school program. An agreement entered into pursuant to this subdivision (i)(3) is an approved alternative program for purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.